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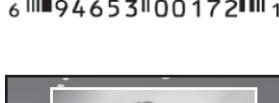
### Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes to hold free fishing derbies

Children ages 2 to 14 and their adults are invited to Free Fishing Derbies at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes on Saturday, June 5, which is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents. Youth age categories are 2 to 5; 6 to 10; and 11 to 14, with first-, second- and third-prize winners for the largest fish in each age category. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Rules and regulations will be announced at that time. Youth fishing time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. An Adult Fishing Contest will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Awards will follow. Children and their adults must be present to

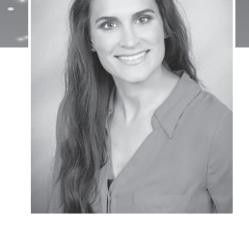
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## Addressing food insecurity through summer and beyond

Second Harvest, MSD, YMCA, NMPL offer options for struggling families

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The pandemic has forced drastic lifestyle shifts and in doing so, exposed the true extent of long-standing issues in our society.

One such concern which has been highlighted again and again is food insecurity.

In January, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana president and CEO Tim Kean said they served

four times as many food allotments at their tailgates, going up to 595,756 in 2020



Jeff Hunn, of North Manchester, took this photo April 14 from a drone hovering over the Second Harvest food distribution at Manchester Church of the Brethren. Each vehicle lined up in the parking lot is waiting to be served.

compared to 150,939 in Wabash County (CFWC) 2019.

But, Julie Garber from the Community Foundation of

"The prospect of knowing whether food programs are effective is tough," said Garber. "We don't really know. Even demand is not a good indicator of need. People may come out for free food even if they are not struggling. We know that a lot of food from our local backpack programs is wasted or doesn't reach its target, but it's still worth the effort because a good number of children do make good use of the program in households where there is real hunger. What we do know is our poverty rate and the rate at which people access food pantries and tailgate events."

Garber said Manchester Church of the Brethren is the local host for the Second Harvest tailgate in North Manchester, and Bachelor Creek

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## 'Paint the Plow,' Lighthouse Mission ribbon-cutting at First Friday

Monthly event set for 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4 downtown

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This month's edition of the monthly First Friday program will feature a special ribbon-cutting, along with a public art project.

Wabash Marketplace public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis said the "Paint The Plows" station

would be held on Miami Street during the event.

"Wabash First Friday in June will bring people together for the annual, family-favorite 'Paint The Plows' community art project hosted by the Wabash Street Department," said Ellis.

Ellis said live entertainment and food trucks will be offered around downtown and a variety of vendors will be featured from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4 along Miami

Street.

In addition, Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulisse said after months of construction work at 123 W. Canal St., they would be joining the Lighthouse Mission of Wabash in celebrating the relocation of their store to downtown Wabash.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. "to mark this milestone ahead of the store opening to the public in mid-June."

Boulisse said the Lighthouse Mission will be the first of many social service organizations that will be relocating to the Canal Street building.

Boulisse said the Lighthouse Mission will eventually be joined by the 85 Hope Free Clinic, F.I.S.H. Food Pantry and Advantage Housing to create a "hub" of community resources "to best serve the Wabash



Photo by Jeff Hunn

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## Local libraries lower mask mandate to advisory

The change follows similar actions at local, state, federal levels after CDC advisory

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Following similar changes at local, state and federal levels, local libraries which had been requiring masks inside their facilities have now lowered those mandates.

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were citing the new guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that "fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

Hann said because of these changes, their mask requirement had changed to a recommendation beginning Tuesday,

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## Commissioners pass virtual meetings resolution

Following new state law, the policy outlines requirements for remote participation

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After more than a year of experimentation with electronic meetings, local legislative bodies have begun formalizing the requirements for members to be able to participate remotely.

During Tuesday's regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, the members voted unanimously to institute their policy on the subject.

Wabash County auditor Marcie Shepherd presented the item to the board while noting the fact that the meeting itself was being broadcast remotely, over Zoom.

"We're using this and it's working properly," she said, laughing.

The resolution cites House Enrolled Act 1437, which was authored by Rep. Tony Cook, R-Cicero, and signed into law April 20 by Gov. Eric Holcomb.

HEA 1437 allows a member of a governing body of a political subdivision to participate in a meeting electronically, as

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# 'Explore Salamonie' hikes to be held monthly starting Saturday

Monthly event set for first Saturday of the month from June to September

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Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an "Explore Salamonie" hike, said interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

"Different trails, or sections of trails, will be traveled with Mother Nature's surprises observed," said Rody.

Meet by 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at Salamonie's Interpretive and Nature Center by 5 p.m. at 3691 New Holland

Road, Andrews.

"Plan to arrive a few minutes early to visit the Interpretive Center and restrooms," said Rody.

Monthly hikes will be held at 5 p.m. during each month's first Saturday through September.

"Wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and bring along your water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray. A set of binoculars or camera may come in handy, you never

know what we may see," said Rody.

Rody said each hike is open to the public and geared for families. Each hike will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Strawberries were among the fresh produce available at the most recent tailgate.

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Church of Christ hosts the other site in Wabash County.

"We do not have plans to offer additional events, partly due to the amount of food in the pipeline," said Garber. "Second Harvest had a large amount of food available during the pandemic. They don't have as much accessibility now. During the height of the pandemic, we hosted the Second Harvest tailgate event four times each month in Wabash County."

Garber said when the event was still weekly they served between 200 and 300 families at each event.

"It's a bit less than that now at two events monthly," said Garber.

Garber said those interested in donating to Second Harvest had several good reasons to do so, including conservation.

"It keeps food out of the waste stream. If people don't use this food, it will end up in the landfill. That's an added benefit to giving excess food away without discriminating," said Garber.

This month, Second Harvest has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, June 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

In addition to these Second Harvest tailgates, other local organizations have made providing weekday lunches and breakfasts available for students out of school a priority, especially since many of those usually rely on school for dependable meals.



Cartons of milk were also available.



Other snacks were also available.

The Wabash County YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, from Tuesday, June 1 to Friday, Aug. 6, 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountyyymca.org](http://www.wabashcountyyymca.org) or email [info@wabashcountyyymca.org](mailto:info@wabashcountyyymca.org).

The MSD Summer Food Program will provide weekly meals free of charge for children ages 1 through 18 throughout the MSD area.

Throughout the summer, families may pick up five day's worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household that meets the age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays from June 9 to

July 28 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North,

and Southwood High School on the east side of the building, 564 Indiana 124.

Also, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were "thrilled" to partner with Community Pantry North Manchester to open a free community pantry that will host non-perishable food and paper supplies at the NMPL Market Street entryway.

Those who wish to contribute can donate non-perishable food items, paper supplies and hygiene items, either by leaving them in the pantry, bringing them into the library or arranging a porch pick up by emailing [communitypantrynm@gmail.com](mailto:communitypantrynm@gmail.com).

For more information, visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

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newly renovated building until 8 p.m.

At the Oct. 21, 2019 Wabash County Commissioners meeting, Amy Miller, of Cornerstone Grants Management, and Kristi Clark, board president of the Wabash Lighthouse Missions, asked Wabash County to be the lead applicant on behalf of the Wabash Lighthouse Missions for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Public Facilities Program (PFP) to rehabilitate the building.

According to a Nov. 11, 2019 letter from Wabash County Auditor Marcie Shepherd to OCRA, the total cost of the renovation project is estimated to be \$761,422, and the county's grant request would be for \$500,000.

In December 2019, Paxton

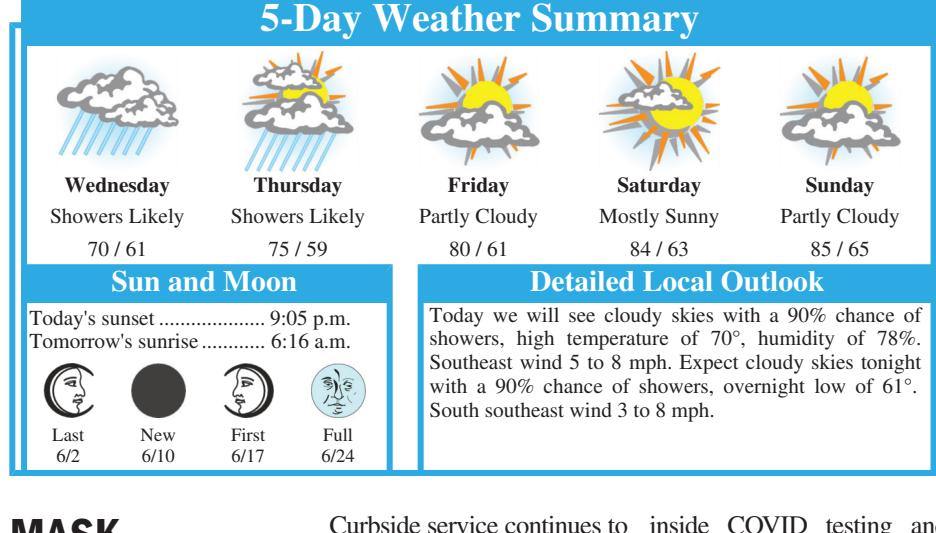
Media Group finalized the donation of the former Wabash Plain Dealer building at 123 W. Canal St. to the city of Wabash. The offices of the Wabash Plain Dealer are now open on the second floor of 99 W. Canal St.

In January 2020, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that 21 rural Hoosier communities, including Wabash County, will receive more than \$12.3 million in federal grant funding, including the requested \$500,000 for the new Lighthouse Mission location.

The ground-breaking on the soon-to-be-re-opened building was held during the October 2020 First Friday celebration.

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## MASK

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June 1.

"The library will continue regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures and encourages all patrons to practice safe social distancing. Free face masks will still be available at the front desk for all patrons," said Hann.

On Tuesday, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said their mask policy had also changed from requiring them to advisory, "so face masks are not required to be worn in the building."

Wimberly said the WCPL trustees and staff "would like to express our gratitude to our community for your incredible support and engagement during the COVID pandemic."

"We are encouraged to see more people in our community becoming vaccinated. In light of recent changes to the CDC's face mask guidelines, WCPL will be changing our mask requirement to an advisory," said Wimberly. "Our staff will continue to mask up while serving you. Masks and hand sanitizers are still recommended and will be available at both entrances and throughout the building."

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long as they adopt a written policy establishing procedures for electronic participation, require the technology to permit simultaneous communication between members and the public to attend and observe the proceedings, require at least 50 percent of the members to be physically present at the meeting site, allow a member participating electronically to be counted for quorum purposes and provide that a member participating electronically may participate in a final action taken by the governing body only if the member can be seen and heard.

The law also exempts governing bodies of state agencies that have a majority of members with disabilities from certain attendance requirements, provides that if a statute requires a manual signature for attesting or authenticating an obligation issued by certain state and local public entities, an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a manual signature, and adds provisions applicable to state and local public agencies when a state or local disaster emergency is declared.

According to the local resolution, any member may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication that allows all participating members of the governing body to simultaneously communicate with each other; and allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting, except for meetings held in executive session.

"A member who participates by an electronic means of communication shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum; and may participate in final action only if the member can be seen and heard," stated the resolution.

"All votes taken during a meeting at which at least one member participates by an electronic means of communication must be taken by roll call vote."

Following the new state law, at least 50 percent of the members must be physically present at a meeting at which a member will participate through electronic communication.

"Not more than 50 percent of the members may participate by an electronic means of communication at that same meeting," stated the resolution.

"A member may not attend more than 50 percent of the meetings in a calendar year by an electronic means of communication unless the member's electronic participation is due to military service, illness or other medical condition, death of a relative or an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to

inside COVID testing and vaccination clinics. The order also continues the face-covering requirement inside Indiana schools through June 30. Face coverings are not required outdoors on school grounds.

Holcomb originally announced the statewide change from a mask mandate to a mask advisory would take effect Tuesday, April 6. Mayor Scott Long said on Monday, April 6 that he supported Holcomb's decision, but that caution was still warranted. On the same day, local hospitals including Parkview Health and Lutheran Health Network said they would continue to require masks in their facilities, despite the lifting of the mandate.

These changes follow a similar shift earlier last month when the mask mandate in Wabash County buildings was changed to a mask advisory by a unanimous vote of the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

On Friday, May 28, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed Executive Order 21-15 to adjust and lift other requirements beginning Tuesday, June 1.

The Executive Order removes the mask mandate while in state facilities, except for anyone inside any of these state government congregate facilities – the state prisons, state hospitals, Indiana Veterans Home and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Masks are also still required

persons or property."

The resolution states that a member may attend two consecutive meetings by electronic communication.

"A member must attend in person at least one meeting between sets of meetings that the member attends by electronic communication," except for the listed exceptions, stated the resolution.

The resolution states the minutes of a meeting at which any member participates by electronic means of communication must identify each member who was physically present at the meeting, participated in the meeting by electronic means of communication and was absent; and identify the electronic means of communication by which members participated in the meeting and members of the public attended and observed the meeting if the meeting was not an executive session.

The resolution states no member of the board may participate using electronic communication in a meeting at which the board may take final action to adopt a budget, make a reduction in personnel, initiate a referendum, impose or increase a fee, impose or increase a penalty, exercise the power of eminent domain or establish, impose, raise or renew a tax.

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# Obituaries

## Clifford Rae Stein

Jan. 23, 1939 - May 30, 2021

Clifford Rae Stein, 82, Chili, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at Parkview Hospital-Randallia, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born Jan. 23, 1939, in Watseka, Illinois, he was the son of Fritz Johann and Pauline (Rhodes) Stein. He was married to the former Nancy Kay Zimmerman, and she preceded him in death on June 17, 1963.

He was a 1957 graduate of Chili High School and went on to join the United States Army. He retired from Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo and owned and operated his own farm outside of Chili. He enjoyed raising chickens and Chihuahua/Pomeranian puppies, as well as woodworking and pulling garden tractors. He spent many hours helping solve the world's problems sitting on his swing and visiting with friends and family.

Survivors include three children, Gary Rae Stein, Indianapolis; Pamela Sue (Fred) Musselman, Denver; Troy Johann (Shelley) Stein, Chili; eight grandchildren, Kyle (Leah) Musselman, Ryan (Lynette) Musselman, Lynn (Jared) Miller, Ty (Paris) Musselman, Braden (Katie) Timmons, Brendan (Josie) Timmons, Ragin Stein, and Riley Stein; ten



great-grandchildren; one sister, Janet (Bill) Walker, Munroe; and his African Grey Parrot, Nick.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ronald G. Stein, and one sister, Carolyn Dubois.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Burial with military rites will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. The service will be live-streamed at [www.mcclainfh.com/livestream](http://www.mcclainfh.com/livestream).

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to North Miami Athletic Boosters or Miami County Military Rites Unit.

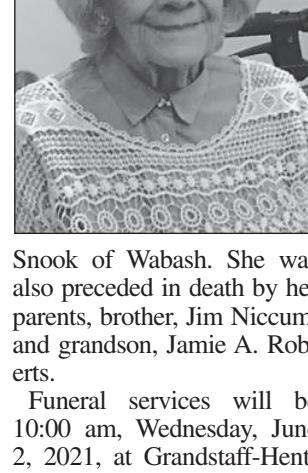
## Charlene June Roberts

March 22, 1928 - May 27, 2021

Charlene June Roberts, 93, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died 3:02 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2021, at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne. She was born on March 22, 1928, in rural Urbana, Indiana, to Kenneth D. and Wilma G. (Scott) Niccum.

Charlene was a 1946 graduate of Urbana High School. She married David Lee Roberts at her parent's home in rural Urbana on September 1, 1946; he died November 10, 2006. She worked at Cyclone Seeder in Urbana, Emrick's Music Shop in Wabash several years, and was the secretary at Southwood High School 23 and a half years. She was a member of the Treaty Church of Christ, and enjoyed interior decorating.

She is survived by two sons, Tim (Pam) Roberts and Robin (Cheryl) Roberts, both of Wabash, three grandchildren, Cory (Melody) Roberts of Oregon City, Oregon, Brad (Ashley) Roberts of Huntington, Indiana, and Jennifer (Ben) Bailey of Lagro, Indiana, five great-grandchildren, Ian Roberts and Emma Roberts, both of Oregon City, Cade Roberts of Huntington, Bridget Bailey and Josie Bailey, both of Lagro, and her sister, Marca



Snook of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Jim Niccum, and grandson, Jamie A. Roberts.

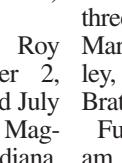
Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brad Wright officiating. Friends may call 4-7 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date.

Preferred memorial is Southwood High School Library.

The memorial guest book for Charlene may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Betty Carol Simpson

Oct. 22, 1943 - June 1, 2021



Betty Carol Simpson, 77, of Wabash, Indiana, died 12:11 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash. She was born on Oct. 22, 1943, in Lackey, Kentucky, to Frank M. and Mada (Dials) Berry.

Betty married Lee Roy Simpson on December 2, 1972, in Wabash; he died July 16, 1995. She worked a Magnetek in Huntington, Indiana, and was a member of Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Wabash. She enjoyed Elvis Presley, gospel music, and reading her Bible. Betty had a strong faith and especially loved her family.

She is survived by three children, Debra Newsome of Andrews, Indiana, Robert Bratch of Wabash, and Leroy Simpson of Lagro, Indiana, two sisters, Patty Copeland,

and Joann Burns, both of Wabash, brother, Tommy (Patsy) Berry of Wabash, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her two sons, Jamie Bratch and Ronnie Berry, brother, Mitchell Berry, three sisters, Joyce Turner, Mary Ward, and Lillian Owlesley, and a grandchild, Karsyn Bratch.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Friday, June 4, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Tim Webb and Rev. Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 5 pm - 8 pm, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is to the family to help with expenses.

The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Kirk Linden Wilson

Kirk Linden Wilson, 62, LaFontaine, Indiana, passed away on May 22, 2021. Kirk's incredible love for family, friends, and life will be missed beyond words by his mother, Mary Annette Wilson, LaFontaine, Indiana; sisters, Leona Loretta (Robert) Burns, Markle, Indiana and Sheri Lynn (James) Johnson, Roanoke, Indiana; niece, Ali-

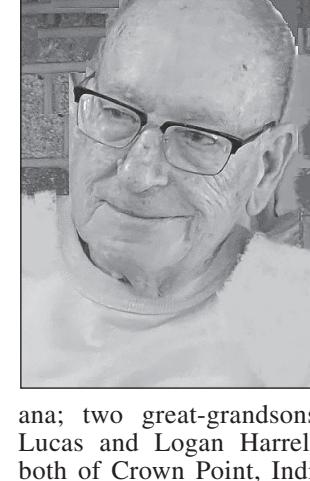
cia Renee Symons, Markle, Indiana; nephew, Andrew Robert Stoffel, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and great-niece, Skylar Symons, Markle, Indiana.

A celebration of Kirk's life will be held at a later date.

The family of Kirk Linden Wilson has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

## Max Lee Miller

Nov. 4, 1934 - May 25, 2021



Max Lee Miller, 86, of Warsaw, Indiana, died at 2:51 pm, Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center in Warsaw. He was born on Nov. 4, 1934, in Wabash, Indiana, to Clarence and Faye (Holcom) Miller.

Max was a 1953 graduate of Wabash High School. He married Patricia Bellock at the St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash on June 25, 1955. He retired from First Federal Bank now Fifth 3rd Bank in Merrillville. Max was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw, and the Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, both in Merrillville. He was an avid Notre Dame Football Fan and a IU Basketball fan. Max enjoyed yard work and putting around in his garage.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Miller of Warsaw, three children, Christine (Mike) Martinez of Valparaiso, Indiana, Kevin (Lori) Miller of Clayton, North Carolina, and Mike (Mari) Miller of Nashville, IN; seven grandchildren, Heather (Eric) Harrell of Crown Point, Indiana, Shaun Martinez of Brooklyn, New York, Zach Miller and Jake Miller, both of Clayton, Matt Miller of Denver, Colorado, and Emily Miller and Molly Miller, both of Indianapolis, Indiana.

ana; two great-grandsons, Lucas and Logan Harrell, both of Crown Point, Indiana; sister, Betty Riggers of Huntington, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; eight brothers, Ed, Jim, Chick, Bob, Dick, Harold, Gene, and Kenny Miller, and two sisters Loraine Driscoll and Mary Stevens.

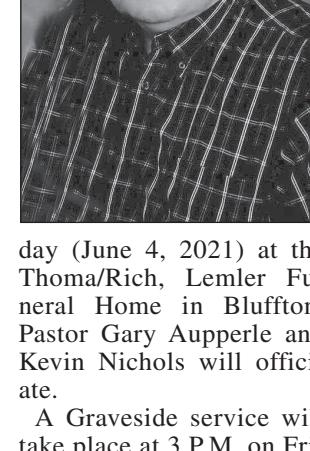
A memorial mass will be 11:00 am Friday, June 4, 2021 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash, with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Inurnment will be in Garden of St. Bernard at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The memorial guest book for Max may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## James Robert Wilson

March 15, 1949 - May 30, 2021



James Robert Wilson, 72 of Ossian, passed away early Sunday morning, May 30, 2021, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 15, 1949 in Wabash, Indiana to Robert L. & Virginia (Gysin) Wilson. Jim graduated from Peru High School in 1967, where he played on the Tigers Varsity Football team. He started out farming with his father in Miami County, Indiana and retired from Nipseco Gas Company in 2004, after working for 34 years.

Jim enjoyed NASCAR

races, tractor pulls and could fix almost anything! His favorite thing was spending time with his family and grandchildren.

After retirement, Jim enjoyed volunteering at Forgotten Children International.

On June 29, 1969 in Peru, Jim and Sherry R. (Smith) Wilson were married.

Survivors include his wife Sherry R. Wilson of Ossian, a daughter, Michelle (Michael) Shane of Ossian and 3 grandchildren; Wesley Shane, Hannah Shane and Emma Shane, all of Ossian.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lezley Ann Wilson.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Fri-

day (June 4, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Gary Aupperle and Kevin Nichols will officiate.

A Graveside service will take place at 3 P.M. on Friday (June 4, 2021) at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Peru.

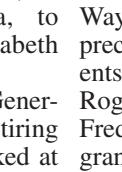
Calling Hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Thursday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to Forgotten Children Worldwide or the Gospel Barn of Bluffton.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

## Phyllis Jean Taylor

Oct. 13, 1927 - June 1, 2021



Phyllis Jean Taylor, 93, of Wabash, Indiana, died 8:15 am, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on Oct. 13, 1927, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Walter and Sylvia Elizabeth (Staples) Wolfe.

Phyllis worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring in 1981, and also worked at Miller's Merry Manor and Timbervest several years. She attended the Richvalley United Methodist Church and belonged to the United Methodist Women.

She was also a member of TOPS, the Red Hat Society, Wabash Womens bowling league, Belles and Beaus Square Dancing, the Wabash VFW Auxiliary, and a former member of the Wabash Moose Lodge. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, and caring for people.

She is survived by three children, Carol Johnson of Huntington, Indiana, Arlene

Gressley and Eldon Taylor, both of Wabash, 9 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 23 great great grandchildren, and her daughter-in-law, Emma Dale Taylor of Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Stephen and Roger Taylor, son-in-law, Frederick Johnson, great grandson Michael Rose, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Thursday, June 3, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Rd., Roann, with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Phyllis may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Locals named to Trine University President's List

Students must

complete a

minimum of 12

hours, have a

3.750-4.000 GPA

### STAFF REPORT

■ Ryan Lotz, of Urbana, majoring in design engineering technology.

■ Nathan Ozenbaugh, of North Manchester, majoring in electrical engineering

■ Benjamin Roudebush, of La Fontaine, majoring in computer science and information technology.

■ Madison Shrider, of Wabash, majoring in exercise science and pre-physical therapy 3+3.

■ Beatrice Snavely, of North Manchester, majoring in a BS in psychology.

■ Cal Stone, of Wabash, majoring in education studies.

■ Remington Trick of North Manchester, majoring in biomedical engineering.

■ Samuel Watkins of Urbana, majoring in biomedical engineering.

■ Alexis Westendorf, of La Fontaine, majoring in actuarial science.

■ Erin Whetstone of Wabash, majoring in forensic science.

■ Grant Whitham, of La Fontaine, majoring in mechanical engineering.

## Samantha France, of Wabash, announced as Questa graduate

She attended WGU, earning a bachelor of science in nursing degree

### STAFF REPORT

Questa Education Foundation is proud to announce the 2021 spring and summer graduating class, according to a press release.

"Questa has helped me not only by funding a part of my education, but also by helping me realize all of the amazing opportunities that are in this area," said Adam Veeley, Questa scholar and recent graduate from the University of Saint Francis. Veeley started a new position at Circle Logistics in Fort Wayne shortly after graduating with his business degree in May.

Funding for the Questa Scholars program comes from local foundations, businesses and individual donors.

"Local support is essential to keep these talented graduates in the region," stated the release.

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## Boy, 7, swims an hour to rescue his dad and little sister

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 7-year-old boy is being credited for helping to save his father and 4-year-old sister by swimming to shore and calling for help after they got caught in a strong current during a holiday weekend boating trip on Florida's St. Johns River.

The father, Steven Poust, told Jax4 television station that he anchored his boat in the river while he fished and his children played on Friday.

Poust said the current was too strong for her sister Abigail to hold onto the boat, and he also let go to stay with her. Only the girl was wearing a life jacket.

"I felt really scared," Poust said.

Their father jumped in the water to grab her. Poust then began swim-

ming toward shore.

"I told them I loved him because I wasn't sure what's going to happen," their father told the station. "I tried to stick with both of them. I wore myself out. She drifted away from me."

Chase kept swimming, doggie paddling and floating on his back to keep from tiring out. "The current was going the opposite way of going to the boat and the shore so it was very hard to swim that way," Chase said. It took him about an hour to reach land. He ran to the nearest house for help.

Crews from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission found the father and daughter about a mile from their boat.

# Sexual assault victim seeks distance from perpetrator

**DEAR ABBY:** I was sexually assaulted by my cousin's boyfriend a short while ago, and it was hard for me to process. When I told my cousin about it, she acknowledged that it wasn't OK, but made it all about her. Although we are extremely close, I didn't get the type of support I was hoping for. In the end, she got back with him, and casually contacts me trying to sweep things under the rug.

I have been sitting on a message for a couple of weeks that I want to send to her, telling her I don't want to be in contact with her for a while. It's hard for me, because we're family. Because nobody knows the whole story, everyone is quick to think I'm the one "isolating" her from my life. What do I do, Abby? — Stuck And Lost In New York

**DEAR STUCK AND LOST:** The person who assaulted you is a predator, and your cousin appears to be clueless. Inform her that, under the circumstances, as long as her boyfriend is in the picture, you will be keeping your distance because you no longer feel safe around him.

And please, rather than stay silent about what her boyfriend did to you, TELL your friends and family what happened. Contact the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network for support and guidance. (It's the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the U.S.) The toll-free number to call is 1-800-656-HOPE, or if you prefer, chat online at rainn.org. Whether you were assaulted or raped, file a police report so it will be on record in case he does it to someone else, which he may.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son and daughter-in-law are divorcing after almost 10 years. We love them both, and the divorce is amicable. They own a home, and my DIL is staying there.

My son is very easygoing and doesn't need the "finer" things in life. He has a truck. He built a small camper in the back, and there is a camper shell. We have asked him to move back in with us. He's going to school with about two years to go, and also works a full-time job. They had a fair amount of savings, but he doesn't want to buy a house right now. He thinks that since he is happy living in his truck, he should do that rather than waste money on an apartment. Rent is very high in our area so I understand, but we have a finished basement that he could live in.

I worry about him sleeping in his truck every night, so I text him every night with a quick note. Am I being too much of a "helicopter mom"? I realize he has lived on his own since he was 19. (He is now 34.) — Loving parent in Utah

**DEAR PARENT:** You have extended the offer. I assume that when the weather turns cold or he needs to take a shower or do a load of laundry, you have let him know that he is welcome to avail himself of your hospitality — and have a nice dinner — anytime he wishes. There are "helicopter" moms and "hell-i-copter" moms. You are neither. You are a loving, caring mom.

**DEAR ABBY:** I need advice on hot tub etiquette. If I were to invite a nudist lady to soak with me in a hot tub, would it be impolite for me to ask her to wear a mask? — Ray In New York

**DEAR RAY (OF SUNSHINE ON A CLOUDY DAY):** Thank you for writing. If you are unaware of someone's antibody status, do not invite ANY stranger to get naked with you unless you are wearing a full-body condom, regardless of how tempted you are.

*Dear Abby* is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact *Dear Abby* at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

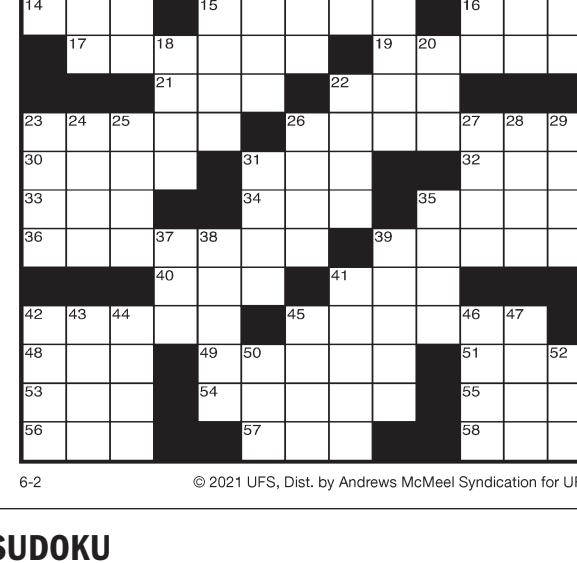
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- 7 Cove 41 Caesar's 1,002
- 10 Bullfight cheer 42 Hold responsible
- 11 Stall the engine 43 Boarding house guest
- 13 Turkish official 48 Not just mine
- 14 Opposite of ruddy 49 Oil field oil
- 15 Military council 51 Tote
- 16 Chicke 53 Mai — (rum drink)
- 17 Common phrases 54 Wiped out
- 19 Travel papers 55 "Call — cab"
- 21 AMA members 56 Patricia Neal film
- 22 Female principle 57 Dover's st.
- 23 Medieval trade union 58 Unmatched
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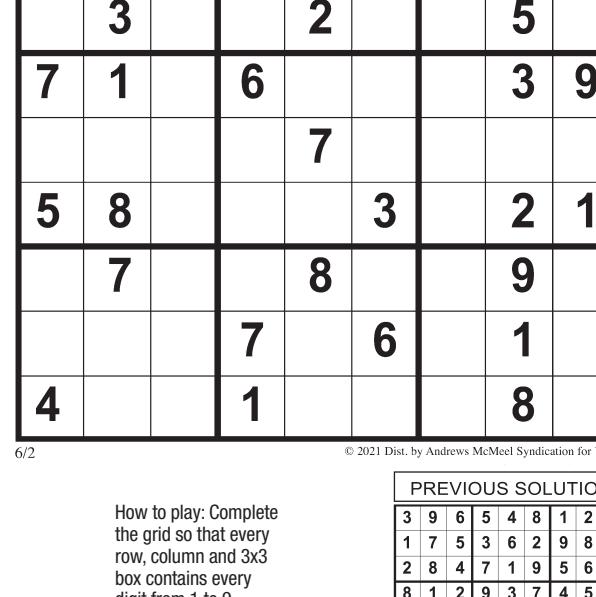
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- 12 Boat crane
- 18 Like some fears
- 20 Midwest st.
- 22 Nomad dwelling
- 23 Wide yawn
- 24 College credit
- 25 Ancient empire
- 26 Give a wolfish look
- 27 Hydrox rival
- 28 Ape a pig
- 29 Loan figure
- 31 Jupiter's neighbor
- 35 Stick
- 37 Workout site
- 38 Perpendicular
- 39 Came to the rescue
- 41 Shape clay
- 42 One and the other
- 43 Hula dance fete
- 44 Moisture-less
- 45 Fisher-man's fly
- 46 Red Muppet
- 47 Wept over
- 50 Dispose of
- 52 Run around a lot



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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**GULAH**

**ACNIP**

**RKLEEN**

**PMRIOT**

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

What if I could keep the nib wet at all times?

HE HADN'T FULLY THOUGHT OUT HIS INVENTION OF THE FOUNTAIN PEN YET, BUT HE DID HAVE AN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's

Jumbles: MANLY BEACH SOFTLY JOVIAL

Answer: The hyphen could see the person typing words and was anxious to — JOIN THEM

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

**1 Corinthians 4:20**

## Working less is a matter of life and death

Search online "work too much" and you'll get screenfuls of information about the harmful medical, mental and social consequences of spending too much time on the job, going all the way back to that old saw first recorded in the 17th century, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

It should be "makes Jack a dead boy," says the latest contribution to the literature of overwork, this one from the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization.

A new study by the two groups says that working 55 or more hours a week is a "serious health hazard." It estimates that long working hours led to 745,000 deaths worldwide in 2016, a 29 percent increase over 2000. Men accounted for 72 percent of the fatalities; the worst concentrations were in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia, and particularly among 60- to 79-year-olds who had worked long hours after the age of 45.

That might not be particularly relevant for dull old Jack, since in his time people who made it past childhood rarely lived beyond 60 anyway. But for today's world, these figures render long working hours the biggest occupational health hazard of all. Risk of a stroke rises by 35 percent and of fatal heart disease by 17 percent for those who can't or won't pry their nose from the grindstone, compared with people who work 35 to 40 hours a week.

The pandemic, and especially remote work, has created new opportunities to work too hard. The W.H.O. director-general, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, noted that teleworking has blurred the line between work and home and that people who have survived layoffs at struggling businesses have ended up working longer hours. One survey found an overwhelming majority of American employees have shortened, postponed or canceled vacations during the pandemic.

The red flags about overwork have been waving for years all around the world. Fatigue has been identified as a factor in industrial disasters like the BP oil refinery explosion in Texas City in 2005 and the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island. In Japan, long working hours are so common that "karoshi," translated as "death by overwork," is a legally recognized cause of death.

Once upon a time, that seemed inevitable. As prosperity increased and

automation replaced human labor, people were expected to devote themselves to hobbies and family life. The British economist John Maynard Keynes was so certain industrialized countries were on a steady trajectory toward less work and longer vacations that he predicted people in the 21st century would work just three hours a day – 15 hours a week. "For the first time since his creation man will be faced with his real, his permanent problem," he wrote in a 1930 essay, "how to occupy the leisure, which science and compound interest will have won for him, to live wisely and agreeably and well."

Not in the United States, sir.

Americans on average labor for fewer hours than their grandparents, but they still work nearly 40 hours per week – and many take pride in working the longer hours the W.H.O. considers dangerous.

While Europe has imposed a measure of health-protecting leisure on its workers, with the European Union requiring at least 20 working days of vacation per year and many countries mandating a lot more (30 days for the French), the United States remains proudly alone as the "no-vacation nation."

That's what the Center for Economic and Policy Research called the United States in a 2019 study of 21 wealthy nations that found it was the only one without nationally mandated paid vacation or paid holidays. Only 16 states and the District of Columbia have legislated paid sick leave.

Even Americans who do get paid vacation use it sparingly. One study found that more than half did not use all their time off.

Americans, wrote Samuel Huntington in his book "Who Are We?: The Challenges to America's National Identity," "work longer hours, have shorter vacations, get less in unemployment, disability, and retirement benefits, and retire later, than people in comparably rich societies."

Many Americans work long hours to make ends meet. Keynes anticipated the prosperity of modern society, but he assumed incorrectly that everyone would enjoy a sufficient share of that prosperity.

What's even more striking, however, is that affluent Americans are not following the example of grandees of centuries past. Wealthy, college-educated

people actually work far more than they did decades ago, and the richest 10 percent work the most.

Rich people in earlier eras demonstrated affluence by ostentatiously not working. They wore white togas or fancy hats or clean gloves. During the last Gilded Age, the "leisure class" spent its days in Downton Abbey-like pursuits, putting in the rose garden, chasing a fox or getting dressed for dinner.

Today, wealthy Americans show off by working all the time.

Why? One explanation is that people like working, at least in the kinds of jobs that wealthy Americans tend to do. Throughout human history, most people had to work, the work was grim, and they assumed no one would work more than necessary. Aristotle opined, "The reason we labor is to have leisure." Affluent Americans seem to have decided leisure is best enjoyed in moderation.

Derek Thompson, a staff writer at The Atlantic, has described this workaholism as a new religion in which "the American conception of work has shifted from jobs to careers to callings – from necessity to status to meaning." When Erin Griffith, a Times reporter, visited several WeWork locations in New York, she found throw pillows imploring tenants to "Do what you love," neon signs urging "Hustle harder" and murals that "spread the gospel" of #ThankGodIt'sMonday.

But affluent Americans also are motivated by the reality that the rewards for working hard are larger than ever – and in this sternly meritocratic society, so are the consequences of falling behind. People work long hours because so much is at stake: the ability to obtain health insurance, to buy a home, to send children to good schools.

People in other wealthy countries aren't just entitled to take more vacation. They are able to enjoy their leisure time because they have less to gain, or lose, by putting in a few hours on Saturdays or reading emails in bed.

Putting limits on work isn't just a perk. It's a matter of life and death. Less-affluent Americans need to be able to take time off. More-affluent Americans, who tend to focus on the benefits of hard work, should consider the costs, too.

*This editorial was first published in the New York Times.*

## Impact of CarePortal in Indiana

Over the last decade, the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) has struggled to keep up with the number of cases in Indiana. The foster care population in the state has increased by more than 50 percent since 2012, and the rate of Hoosier children referred to child protective services is the third-highest in the nation and nearly twice the national average.

Children should never have to worry about basic care needs, yet, sadly, some endure neglect and abuse every day. To create a support system for these children, during the 2019 legislative session I authored Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 365, which helped address the rising caseload and budget shortfalls DCS was experiencing. SEA 365 created the CarePortal in Indiana, which is a technology platform that connects DCS and faith-based community programs to strengthen child welfare resources in local communities.

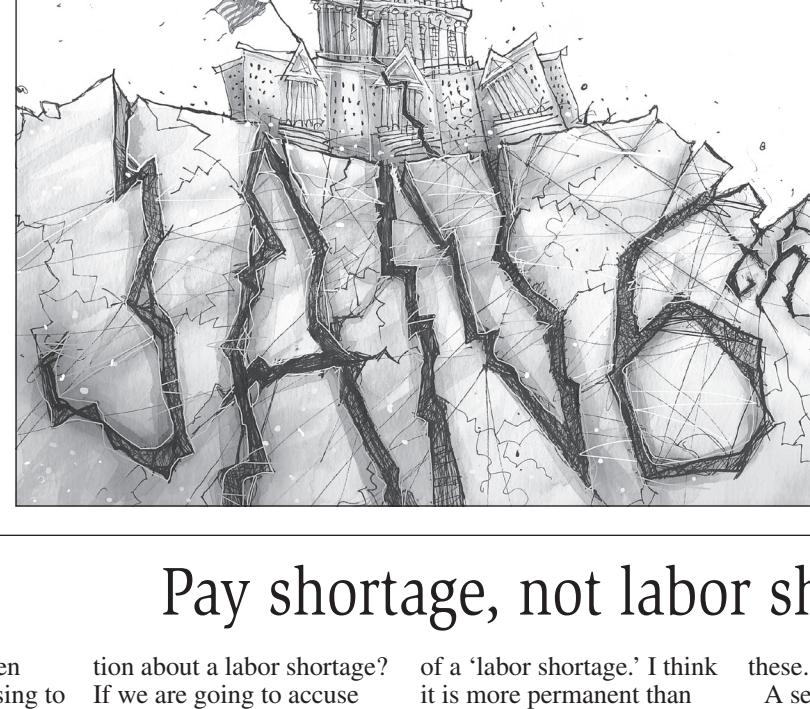
Since this law was enacted two years ago, 40 churches across the state have implemented CarePortal, with the latest addition being a church in Vanderburgh County. In two years of operation in our state, 780 children have been served, which has amounted to \$250,409 donated via the CarePortal.

Twenty-four other states have implemented the CarePortal in select communities since its rollout in 2015. Nationwide, more than 96,000 children and their families have had their real-time needs met by churches and other groups utilizing the platform.

CarePortal is an effective tool in uniting local churches, nonprofits and child welfare agencies, and I encourage our communities to incorporate this system to help with outreach for at-risk youth.

To learn more about the CarePortal and the impacts it has on Indiana communities, visit [CarePortal.org](http://CarePortal.org).

*Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, represents District 17 in the Indiana State Senate.*



## Pay shortage, not labor shortage

Indiana joined a dozen other states in choosing to end federal pandemic unemployment insurance early. On June 19, unemployed

workers in the state will stop receiving their supplemental weekly payments, which are financed by federal tax dollars.

This step was

clearly taken at the behest of businesses complaining about a "labor shortage" among low-wage jobs. But how real is the problem?

The answer is that the problem may be quite real, but has little to do with unemployment payments. Help wanted advertisements in Indiana are up from last year, but last year was a catastrophe, and 2019 was nearly a recession in Indiana. The total help wanted ads over the past two months are just 4.4 percent higher than 2018. That's hardly a surge in demand for workers.

Of course, it's not just the advertisements, but what is actually occurring with hiring that influences perception

about a labor shortage? If we are going to accuse those on unemployment insurance from dodging work, we might wish to see how new job growth compared to the number who lost their benefits last year. In March and April, Indiana had 65,800 workers lose unemployment benefits, but job growth was negative, with the economy losing 2,900 jobs.

Still, the most relevant data is not on the quantity of jobs, but the wages that indicate whether or not there is a labor shortage. For all of 2018, the average advertised wage for a new job was \$16.82 in inflation-adjusted dollars. For the last three months it was \$16.77 per hour. Businesses can hardly be feeling the weight of a labor shortage without offering higher salaries to workers. Try as they might, states cannot repeal the law of demand.

None of this means that some workers aren't choosing not to work because they receive benefits, nor does it mean businesses aren't finding it hard to hire workers. What it does mean is that something else is contributing to the false perception

of a 'labor shortage.' I think it is more permanent than generous unemployment compensation.

Indiana is fast becoming a panacea for low-wage employers. Since the end of the Great Recession, jobs for those without a high school diploma have grown by 48 percent. Jobs for everyone else have grown between 11 percent and 14 percent. This expansion of economic opportunity for less-educated workers is good news. However, there are several downsides to a slew of state policies that focus on low-wage employers.

The first is that many of things Indiana government has done to make Indiana a haven for low-wage employers act as a disincentive to businesses who want better-educated workers. The low-tax, low-public-service model appeals only to firms who view workers as a commodity. Increasingly, that is what we've been getting. In contrast, businesses who look for talent need good schools, vibrant universities with a large in-state student population and top-notch communities with strong amenities. Indiana's fiscal model just has not supported

these.

A second problem is that low-wage workers also treat their employer like a commodity, which it is. There's always an abundance of low-wage work, so as work pays comparatively less or as free time becomes more valuable, low-wage workers are more likely to exit the labor force. We're moving out of a pandemic with advertised jobs paying less than they did in 2018.

That will inevitably cause a number of workers to stay home.

The math on this is straightforward. Imagine a couple, each earning \$18.30 per hour. That's a respectable \$75,000 per year. But, if you subtract payroll taxes, federal, state and local taxes, and cost of an average commute for one worker that cuts pay by \$5.34. Throw in average day care costs for one child, and the net wages for just one of these workers drops to \$5.65 per hour.

The bottom line is that for a very large share of working Hoosier families, taking a low-wage job in Indiana just doesn't make sense. And by low wage, I mean a job that pays considerably better than the average job

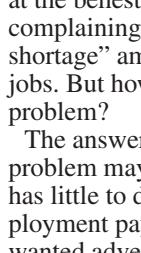
advertised in Indiana over the past 90 days. Most working families are too busy making a life and raising kids to do these calculations, but the unprecedented shock of this pandemic likely forced many to think about it for the first time.

Government should be largely unconcerned with these types of choices. That includes altering unemployment policies because a few low-wage employers loudly complain. But, if government cannot resist interfering, it should at least give merit to policies that support families. Or at least, that what a confident conservative movement once believed.

Still, maybe we should congratulate Indiana for responding so quickly to claims of a 'labor shortage.' After all, Hoosier school superintendents complained about teacher shortages for eight years before the state acted. It took only eight weeks to respond to the restaurant industry's claims. The problem is that in both cases, there's not a labor shortage, but a pay shortage.

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**Michael  
Hicks**



For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

**1 Corinthians 4:20**

# Biden to suspend Trump's 11th-hour oil leases in Arctic

By JENNIFER A. DLOUHY  
Bloomberg News (TNS)

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is suspending Arctic refuge drilling rights that were sold in the final days of Donald Trump's presidency, dealing a victory to environmentalists who have argued for decades against oil development in the remote, wild region of Alaska.

Under an Interior Department order issued Tuesday, the agency is temporarily halting action on nine leases spanning more than 400,000 acres of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, while it conducts a fresh environmental analysis of the program.

The department's Bureau of Land Management will review the potential legal deficiencies and environmental impacts of the Jan. 6 sale of oil leases in the refuge. Just two oil companies and an Alaska economic development corporation participated in buying the right to explore for oil and gas on tracts in the refuge's coastal plain during that January auction.

White House National Climate Adviser Gina McCarthy called the move "an important step forward fulfilling President Biden's promise to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

President Joe Biden vowed to permanently protect the refuge during last year's campaign, and on his first day in office he issued an executive order directing the Interior Department to review Arctic refuge oil development deci-



This undated photo shows the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. President Donald Trump auctioned drilling rights in the refuge before Joe Biden was inaugurated.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service / Getty Images / TNS

sions by his predecessor. But his administration has defended a separate Trump-era decision to greenlight a massive ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. oil development in the National Petroleum Reserve — a top priority for the state's Republican congressional delegation, including senior Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in the order that she had "identified multiple legal deficiencies" in the administrative record supporting the leases, including insufficient environmental analysis.

Environmentalists and native Alaskans have made similar arguments in legal challenges to the auction, asserting that the bureau violated federal law by glossing

over the potential negative effects of oil development in the Arctic refuge's 1.56-million-acre coastal plain and failed to sufficiently consider alternatives that would minimize the risks. They also argue industrial oil development would threaten one of America's last truly wild places, as well as the calving caribou, migratory birds and Arctic foxes that rely on it.

Arctic oil foes also have questioned whether the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority was legally qualified to participate in the sale. Although the state-owned company has financed small oil projects in Alaska, it has never sought to acquire its own drilling rights, and BLM has previ-

ously disqualified bids by entities with no intent to develop their leases.

The Biden administration's suspension falls short of some advocates' push for the entire lease sale to be immediately invalidated. The comprehensive environmental analysis could still lead to that outcome, but the Biden administration still faces a mandate from Congress to hold two coastal plain oil auctions by Dec. 22, 2024, as a way to pay for the 2017 tax cuts.

The move was celebrated by the Gwich'in Steering Committee, an organization representing indigenous people who don't live in the refuge but subsist on the Porcupine caribou herd that migrates through it.

# Despite vaccines, nursing homes struggle with outbreaks

By SUSAN HAIGH  
Associated Press

ated Infections Program.

"We're working with the long-term care industry to really increase the pressure on getting those staff vaccinated," Leung said.

Tim Brown, director of marketing and communications at Athena Health Care Systems, which operates 48 facilities in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, recently estimated about 50 percent to 60 percent of staff have been vaccinated so far, with as many as 80 percent in some buildings.

Around Easter, her wish finally came true, and she was able to hold the 93-year-old's hand more than a year after bringing her mother to the facility for rehabilitation for a fractured hip and knee. But that reunion was short-lived. Visits were quickly stopped for about six weeks after an employee tested positive for COVID, and Wells said visits are still far from normal even when there haven't been outbreaks.

COVID-19 vaccines have allowed nursing homes in the U.S. to make dramatic progress since the dark days of the pandemic, but senior care facilities are still experiencing scattered outbreaks that are largely blamed on unvaccinated staff members.

The outbreaks and ensuing shutdowns have jolted family members who were just starting to enjoy in-person visits with loved ones for the first time in a year.

While the outbreaks inside nursing homes now are much smaller, less frequent and less severe than during the height of the pandemic, there continue to be hundreds of deaths each week attributed to the coronavirus.

According to federal data, 472 nursing home deaths were related to COVID-19 in the first two weeks of May, down from 10,675 in the first two weeks of January.

"There is this notion among some that vaccines were administered in long-term care, so we're done, and that would be a perilous mistake," said Dr. David Gifford, chief medical officer for the American Health Care Association, a national nursing home trade association, in a recent statement.

"Nursing homes and assisted living communities have a constant flow of new residents, whether coming from the hospital or the community, and many of them haven't been vaccinated yet."

In addition, the CDC has warned that low rates of vaccination among health care workers in skilled nursing facilities raises risks of outbreaks.

A March outbreak involving a variant at a Kentucky nursing home, where most residents had been vaccinated for COVID-19, was traced to an infected, unvaccinated worker, according to a CDC report. Among the 46 cases identified, 26 residents and 20 workers became infected, including 18 residents and four workers who were fully vaccinated 14 days before the outbreak.

Three of the nursing home's residents who contracted COVID-19 died, including two who were not vaccinated. So-called "breakthrough" infections among vaccinated individuals were also identified in nursing homes in Chicago, according to another recent CDC report.

In Connecticut, Gov. Ned Lamont has likened the challenge of keeping the virus out of nursing homes to patching up "leaky boats." The state Department of Public Health launched Operation Matchmaker to match nursing homes with certain pharmacies to ensure new residents and staff get shots. Hospitals are also working to vaccinate patients before they're released to a nursing facility.

Given staffing shortages around the country, there's been a hesitance among long-term care providers to mandate vaccinations for their workers, said Dr. Vivian Leung, director of the state's Department of Health's Healthcare Associ-

"If there are no other cases, or if the employee did not work on a specific wing, then we allow visitation for that wing or for the wings that are not affected by the positive employee," he said.

Mairead Painter, Connecticut's long-term care ombudsman, said recent guidance from the state has clarified how facilities should handle these scattered outbreaks in order to minimize the impact they can have on the rest of residents and their families. She said that's led to fewer complaints fielded by her office.

But Debra Ellis, whose 88-year-old wife Jackie lives in a Meriden, Conn. nursing home, said the rules still differ by facility. Until recently, she had been frustrated by the strict visitation limits, including sudden multi-day shutdowns when staff members have tested positive. Both she and her wife are vaccinated.

By mid-May, things finally eased up and she's been allowed to go inside her wife's room. Yet Ellis hears from relatives of residents at other nursing homes that that's not the case at other facilities in Connecticut.

Ellis is part of a group that's pushing for both state and federal legislation allowing nursing home residents to have essential caregivers. She said that could have helped her wife, who suffers from heart problems and relied on Ellis before the pandemic for emotional support and exercises to keep her legs strong.

"She could get up and walk a very small distance around the room to move to the bed to a chair or whatever," she said. "She's no longer able to do that."

That's a similar experience for Wells, who said the nursing home where her mother lives still has no communal dining, group activities or hairdressing services. Wells, who lives in Rochester, said it was only last week that she was offered the opportunity to meet with her mother outside and without masks. But after spending so much time isolated during the pandemic, Wells said her mother no longer knows who she is, other than someone who cares about her.

She said it pains her to see her mother, who used to get her hair done weekly, looking unkept, with bangs hanging in her eyes and hair down to her shoulders.

"This nursing home never allowed us into their rooms. We have to stay in an ugly dining room that's been stripped and all the furniture stacked in the corner and in four little pods of tables pushed together and staff staring at you the whole time," she said, adding: "None of that has changed because they're allowing nursing homes to do their own thing."

# Biden marks Tulsa race massacre in emotional, graphic speech

By JONATHAN LEMIRE  
and DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

of the deaths of hundreds of Black people killed by a white mob a century ago came amid the current national reckoning on racial justice.

"Just because history is silent, it does not mean that it did not take place," Biden said. He said that "hell was unleashed, literal hell was unleashed." And now, he said, the nation must come to grips with the following sin of denial.

"We can't just choose what we want to know, and not what we should know," said Biden. "I come here to help fill the silence, because in silence wounds deepen."

After Biden left, there was a spontaneous singing by

some audience members of a famous civil rights march song, "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around."

The events on Tuesday stood in stark contrast to then-President Donald Trump's trip to Tulsa last June, which was greeted by protests. Or the former president's decision, one year ago, to clear Lafayette Square near the White House

of demonstrators who gathered to protest the death of George Floyd, a Black man, under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer.

In 1921 — on May 31 and June 1 — a white mob, including some people hastily deputized by authorities, looted and burned Tulsa's

Greenwood district, which was known as "Black Wall Street."

On Tuesday, the president, joined by top Black advisers, met privately with three surviving members of the Greenwood community who lived through the violence, the White House said. Viola "Mother" Fletcher, Hughes "Uncle Red" Van Ellis and Lessie "Mother Randle" Benningfield Randle are all between the ages of 101 and 107.

Biden said their experience had been "a story seen in the mirror dimly."

"But no longer," the president told the survivors. "Now your story will be known in full view."

# Indiana University giving students option on vaccine proof

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

chael McRobbie said in a statement. "Throughout the pandemic our paramount concern has been ensuring the health and safety of the IU community. This requirement will make a 'return to normal' a reality for the fall semester."

The changes come after the state attorney general issued last week a non-binding opinion that the policy was illegal under a new state law banning the state or local governments from requiring vaccine passports. The university had said vaccinations would be required before fall semester in order for students to attend classes and employees to keep their jobs.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb had said he wouldn't block IU's requirement despite a letter from 19 Republican Indiana House members asking him to prohibit any state university from mandating vaccines that don't have full U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval.

"I think this will work its way out and there's more than one way to skin a cat," Holcomb told WTHR-TV on Sunday. "The conversa-

tions are ongoing right now. But I don't plan on doing an executive order."

Holcomb's office declined additional comment Tuesday.

IU said it considered responses from students, parents, faculty, staff members and state officials in making the changes to the vaccine verification policy for its

some 90,000 students on seven campuses around the state.

University spokesman Chuck Carney said officials had discussed the policy "with the governor's office and legislators up to this point and will continue to do so. That would be standard practice for us with such a significant policy decision."

Nearly all Republican members of the Indiana Senate sent a letter to McRobbie last week calling IU's policy a "heavy-handed mandate goes against many of the liberties on which our founders built our democratic republic."

The opinion from Republican state Attorney General Todd Rokita's office said the state universities may require COVID-19 vaccinations but can't force students

or employees to provide proof of immunizations.

It distinguished between Indiana University's policy and that of Purdue University, which plans to require students and employees to either provide proof of vaccination for the fall semester or participate in frequent COVID-19 testing.

The attorney general's office didn't immediately reply to a request for comment Tuesday on whether it believed the IU changes would put its policy in compliance with state law.

No vaccine requirements have been implemented for Ball State, Indiana State or Southern Indiana universities or Ivy Tech Community College.

The Indiana Democratic Party, meanwhile, is calling the Republican opposition to IU's vaccine policy a "manufactured battle."

"Luckily, Gov. Eric Holcomb is using common sense by stopping his extreme partisan colleagues in the Indiana General Assembly and the attorney general's office from blocking such protections from taking place," a party statement said.

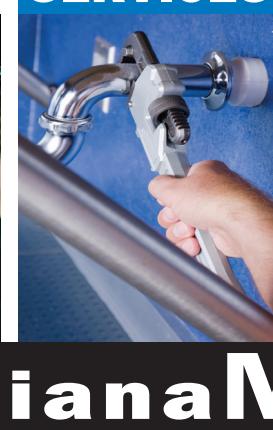
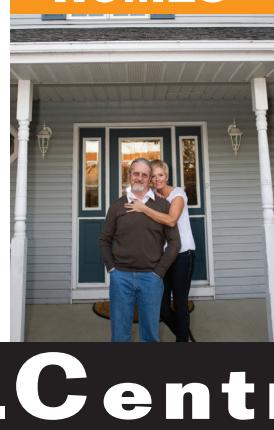
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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC

HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
 Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana (the "County"), that the Wabash County Council (the "Council") will meet in the second floor meeting room of the Wabash County Courthouse, 1 West Hill Street, Wabash, Indiana, at 6:00 p.m. on June 21, 2021 to conduct a public hearing and consider the appropriation of the funds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to be applied on the preliminary costs of the design, acquisition and construction of a sheriff's office and jail facility. The funds to meet this appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes, if necessary, and bonds of the County. The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budgets and levies. Taxpayers of the County appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect of this additional appropriation.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Marcie Shepherd

Auditor, Wabash County, Indiana

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Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$900,000 to fund the following proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation including site, physical education and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology.

Dated: May 26, 2021

Rhonda Hipskind  
 Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
 Wabash City Schools  
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## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Wabash City Schools is requesting proposals for the services of a Construction Manager as Constructor in accordance with Indiana Code 5-32. Notice is hereby given that responses to this Request for Proposals will be received by Wabash City Schools for the WCS Facility Improvements 2021-2022 which includes work at OJ Neighbours Elementary School, Wabash Middle School, and Wabash High School as follows:

VIA HAND-DELIVERY AT: Wabash City Schools

ATTN: Matt Stone, CFO

189 W Market St

Wabash IN 46992

OR VIA MAIL AT: Wabash City Schools

ATTN: Matt Stone, CFO

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UNTIL: 1:00 PM (local time) on June 14, 2021

Responses received by Wabash City Schools after the stated time will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the offeror/respondor.

Questions should be submitted to the office of the Architect by end of day June 8, 2021.

To obtain the Request for Proposal and its additional requirements, please email: Kris Giant (giant@bartoncoevilamaa.com) at Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects & Engineers, Inc.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2021.

Wabash City Schools

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## TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-21-0011-SS

Date &amp; Time of Sale: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami Street entrance, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$82,710.62

Cause Number: 85D01-1907-MF-000617

Plaintiff: The Bank of New York Mellon, successor to The Bank of New York, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee on behalf of the holders of the CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1

Defendant: Nichole L. Culver, State of Indiana and Merl G. Ellis

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

Lot Number One Hundred Thirty-nine (139), One Hundred Forty (140) and One Hundred Forty-One (141) in Ross Heights Addition to the City of Wabash.

Commonly Known as: 235 GRANT ST, WABASH, IN 46992-1105

Parcel No. 85-14-02-301-135.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County

By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant

Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble Common street address of property: 235 Grant St, Wabash, IN 46992-1105

Property Tax ID: 85-14-02-301-135.000-009

Attorney: MATTHEW S. LOVE

Attorney Number: 18762-29

Law Firm: Feiwell &amp; Hannoy, P.C.

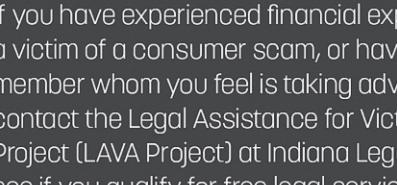
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# The radical gifts of the saints

**I**f a mother can kill her own child, what is there to stop others from killing one another?"

Well, I guess those are fighting words today. But the speaker was hardly controversial at one time: Nobel Peace Prize winner and canonized saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. But even saints aren't safe these days.

The New York Times recently published an op-ed with the headline "Was Mother Teresa a Cult Leader?" about a recent documentary that depicts a missionary group that Mother Teresa founded "as a hive of psychological abuse and coercion. It raises the question of whether the difference between a strict monastic community and a cult lies simply in the social acceptability of the operative faith."

We shouldn't think of saints as perfect. Or as weirdos. They actually aren't as exotic as we make them out to be. They are people who, by surrendering to God and His supernatural grace, displayed heroic virtue and truly lived the message of the Gospels. That's certainly not supposed to be a rarity.

I can't tell you that psychiatrists would agree with everything that missionary groups like the one founded by Mother Teresa do. Or medical doctors, for that matter. They care for people – probably without social distancing now and again during COVID-19. But we need people like that. We need pru-

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dence, but sometimes we need people willing to completely embrace the suffering, both physically and mentally. COVID-19 isn't our only pandemic.

People feeling alone, even in the uber-connectedness – that's devastating in ways we don't always recognize. Religious workers reach out to people cast aside. We need more people like them, not fewer.

Religious community life requires extreme obedience and humility. That's a foreign concept in our modern era, but it also makes room for tremendous charity, something our society could certainly use much more of. There is a beauty to it that is foreign to us. But perhaps instead of attacking it, we might see what we can learn from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and other groups like it, such as my beloved New York friends, the Sisters of Life.

"If today there is so much suffering in the world, so much pain, it is because the child – the unborn child, the innocent child – is unwanted, unloved, uncared for," Mother Teresa said.

Again, that's quite a loaded statement in today's wretchedly polarized pol-

itics. But could it simply be a challenge? Pro-life or pro-choice – can't we agree with her here?

"I think the best gift we can give to any child is to make that child feel wanted, loved, cared for – because that child is the greatest gift of God to the family, to the nation, to the world," she said. Because that child is the life of God, created for greater things, in the image of God – to love and to be loved."

Truly, inspiring words!

Mother Teresa's words above were about way more than abortion – though abortion was certainly part of it. A recent court ruling seems to make it next to impossible to talk to a young girl or woman walking into an abortion clinic. Why not allow for real choice? There's nothing like informed consent happening in many places today when a scared teenager walks in for an abortion. And what about all the 400,000+ children in foster care? Isn't it possible that all the violence we see today has to do with our callousness and ignorance and indifference on these fronts? Instead of attacking Mother Teresa – or dismissing her – we'd be better off if we learned from her.

Thanks be to God she is praying for us. We clearly need the help.

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## SHARP CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

*Sharp Creek Elementary School has released their fourth-quarter honor rolls, according to a press release.*

### Fourth grade

**A Honor Roll:** Cassidy Cartwright, Dallas Cruz, Emelia Dixson, Jayla Gill, Gemma Haupert, Tenley Kuhn, Alexis Laferney, Patrick Nesler, Keira Oswalt, Vivian Rife, Chase Ross, Sienna Stoffel and Jaylynn Turner.

**A/B Honor Roll:** Addison Bretzman, Liam Clark, Avery Custer, Asa Dawes, Cole Hemingway, Logan Holmes, Kameron Johnson, Makenna Lowe, Miranda Meyer, Nathan Parrett, Braylee Stout, Jonathan Young, Mary Young and Emerson Zwiebel.

### Fifth grade

**A Honor Roll:** Teagan Baer, Briggs Baker, Collin Biehl, Karsen Brown, Justin Brunett, Ali Copeland, Montgomery Dawes, Megan Easterday, Kasen Fitch, Brayden Gidley, Jazmine Gill, Cooper Good, Nathaniel Hodson, Madelyn Holley, Cody Holmes, James Kowalcuk, Kale Krom, Kash Laferney, Gavin Lester, Emily Miller,

Preston Moore, Kaydence Moser, Kolten Prus, Kaleigh Rice, Izzabellah Schnurpel, Ean Selleck, Leah Shafer, Makaela Shoue, Breslyn Swihart, Calvin Thompson and Naomi Watson.

**A/B Honor Roll:** Kyra Aderman, Haylee Boring, Zoe Clifton, Jailea Emley, Kasen Frank, Luke Hemingway, Joshua Lara-Menchaca, Kane Long, Callie McClure, Elena Nesler, Brice Peterson, Breckin Sanders, Stella Stephens, Quenton Titus, Jerrick Warnock and Simon Webb.

### Sixth grade

**A Honor Roll:** Emily Bever, Claire Brainard, Caleb Dubois, Nichole Fisher, Laney Haupert, Vivian Haupert, Millie Higgins, Faith Krom, Ashlyn Macy, Saige Martin and Dawson Texeira.

**A/B Honor Roll:** Aliana Arney, Chloe Baugher, Cail Black, Keeshia Dacuba, Ayla Dale, Allison Edmond, Tyce Frank, Avery Hayes, Lilli Koonce, Lucas Law, Hayden Martin, Jackson Mercer, Mikayla Meyer, Cason Myers, Kourtland Pratt, Holden Satterthwaite, Addison Sorg, Ruby Weaver and Emma Wilson.

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win awards. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

### Addictions Impact Panel to share personal experiences

The Wabash County Drug Steering Committee and the Prevention Subcommittee will be hosting an Addictions Impact Panel. Doors will open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theatre, 275 W. Market St. Resource tables and local community partners will be available in the lobby. The panel will begin at 7 p.m. Door prizes including gift cards to local businesses will also be available. Panelists at the event will be Shawn Light and Katina Schram.

**WPD, WCSD, ISP participating in Click It or Ticket through June 6**

The Wabash Police Department (WPD), Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) and Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post are participating in the national Click It or Ticket Enforcement campaign, along with over 200 other agencies throughout the state, through Sunday, June 6.

### Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday, June 7

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday, June 1, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Advanced Master Gardner Martha Ferguson will share the importance of using native plants in place of invasive species. Ferguson recently directed the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site's garden restoration project. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### Honeywell Summer Arts Camps announced for grades K-12

Registration is open for Honeywell Summer Theatre and Visual Art Camps for students in grades K-12, which begin Monday, June 7, and offer in-person, fully immersive programs led by art and theater teachers and professionals. The two-week Theatre Camps for grades K-5 will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 18. The three-week Theatre Camps for sixth through 12th grades will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 25. The one-week Visual Art Camps will take place in the morning from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11. Registration is \$75 for art and \$90 for theatre. Financial assistance is available. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/camp or call 260-563-1102.

### Woman's Clubhouse to hold June luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse will welcome Dan Johns, director of the Dan Quayle Museum in Huntington, for their monthly luncheon at noon Tuesday, June 8, according to Ellen Stouffer. Johns will speak on flags of the United States. "Wear your red white and blue," said Stouffer. Make reservations by phone with Mary Delauter by calling 260-563-6613 or Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

### Salamonie Preschool offers 'B is for Berry' program

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "B is for Berry" on Wednesday, June 9 at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127.

### WACCY Golf Outing hitting the greens June 9

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's annual WACCY Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 9 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller's Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year's outing will offer a morning session – with a 7:30 a.m. start – and afternoon – with a 1 p.m. start – flights on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a limit of 18 teams per flight. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2021](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2021), email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

### Art Studio Trolley No. 85 tour on sale

The Art Studio Trolley No. 85 Tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12, is \$30 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St. Tickets for the Art Studio Trolley No. 85 Tour are \$30 per person and are all-inclusive. Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours), stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171.

### Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the

door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by email at [donnasciders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasciders@hotmail.com) or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Partnership program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for June 17 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

### Salamonie to hold Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services will hold a Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight program from Thursday, June 17 to Friday, June 18 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants may expect forest discovery, hiking, live animals, crafts, games, water fun, canoeing and evening activities for camping families. Camping families should plan to bring their tents and camping gear. Campers from ages 7 to 12 need to bring their lunches each day. On Thursday, June 17, meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for the day camp portion. Activities will resume from 7 to 8 p.m. for a Sound Bite program. On Friday, June 18, meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per child for both days and \$30 for one day. Additional siblings per family will receive a \$5 discount. A small snack will be provided each day. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host a variety of volunteer work-related activities. Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Nature Center. The volunteer workdays will continue throughout the summer at 9 a.m. Monday, June 21; 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

### Project Learning Tree Workshop to be held

Educators are invited to participate in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) K-8 workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive and

Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop fee of \$23 includes a copy of the guide. The fee is payable by check (made out to IFEF/PLT) or cash, payable on the day of the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required with a deadline of Friday, July 2. Limited space is available. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or email [trody@dnr.in.gov](mailto:trody@dnr.in.gov).

### Salamonie to hold Summer Forest Camp

Salamonie Lake will be hosting "a unique outdoor day camp" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, June 14 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127.

### Indiana 114 to close for bridge maintenance near North Manchester

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the closure of Indiana 114 near North Manchester for bridge maintenance. Crews will be working between Gene Stratton-Porter Road and Rock-Springs Pike. Work is scheduled to last until early July. During the closure, motorists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

### INDOT begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

### 'Liking for Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St.

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday. The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a

## Wabash unable to match Rochester's offense

Apaches varsity baseball falls to Zebras on Saturday

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
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Wabash's varsity baseball team fell behind early on Saturday in the sectional semifinals to Rochester and couldn't make up the ground that the Zebras had covered, losing with a score of 9-7.

Wabash head coach Jack Holley was proud of the effort that his team brought in the loss but surmised that the bats of Rochester were too much to overcome in the end.

"I was real proud of our kids tonight," Holley said. "They kept battling and we got behind four to nothing in the first inning and they kept battling. ... Rochester hit the ball and we just didn't have an answer for it."

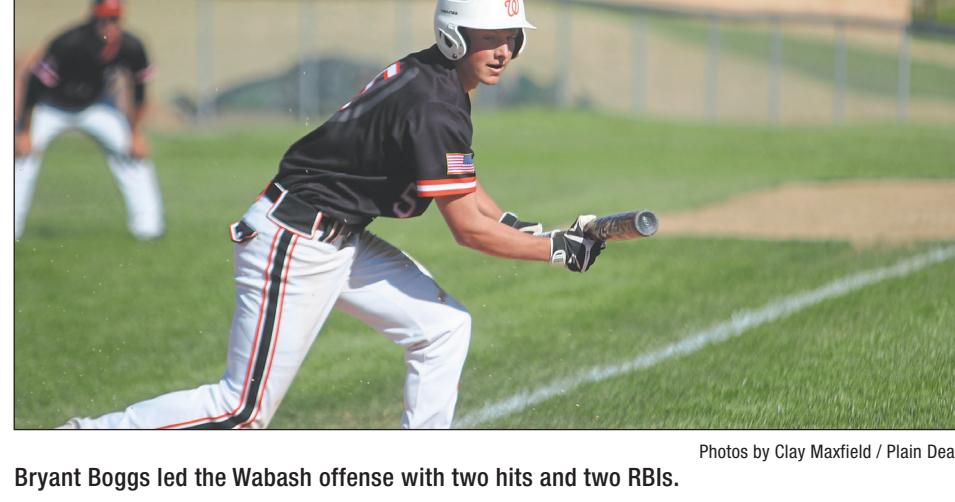
The Zebras opened the game with a four-run lead after the first inning but Wabash momentarily got back into the contest in the second.

Bryant Boggs and Jasper Walter drove in two of the Apache's three runs in the second inning when they converted on a double and a single to right field.

Boggs led the Wabash offense with two hits and two RBIs while Walter and Jared Brooks had a hit and an RBI each.

Holley took solace in his team's ability at the plate but felt the Zebras succeeded in finding the gaps in Wabash's defense.

"We knew they were going to hit the ball; you just need to make plays. They hit the ball where we weren't. It wasn't that we didn't make plays that we talked about. I thought we hit the ball well today. Seven runs is enough to win a



Photos by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Bryant Boggs led the Wabash offense with two hits and two RBIs.

game, we just got to shut them down," he said.

Rochester went on to score four more runs in the second and third inning combined as the game looked to become farther out of reach for the Apaches.

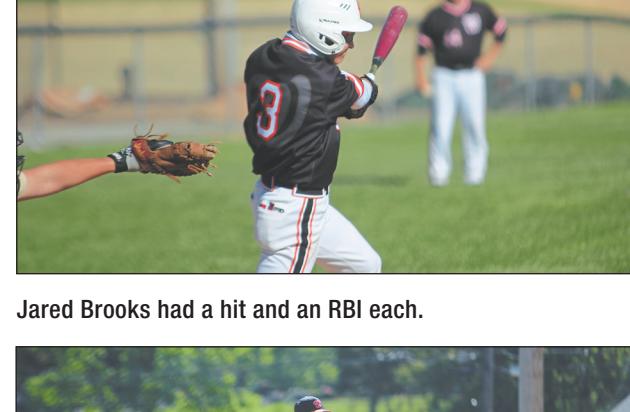
The Zebras racked up 14 hits and 0 errors compared to the Apache's 12 and 2 while Brayden Sickafus did his best to keep the Apaches close, striking out three from the pitcher's mound.

A line drive to center field from Colton Learned resulted in two more Apache scores in the fourth while a grounder to third from Bryant Boggs served as Wabash's final attempt for a comeback in the seventh.

However, Rochester's bats never cooled down as the Zebras tacked on one more run for good measure in the fifth to end the Apache's season early, 9-7.

While the Apaches are graduating four seniors this season, Holley is optimistic about the direction that his program is trending in, touching on the need for more reps and learning of the game by his younger players.

"We just need to learn the game more," Holley said.



Jared Brooks had a hit and an RBI each.



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"Sometimes you can tell, just the decision making. ... We're really excited about where our program is and have a great group of kids coming back. We're going to get after it and be ready for next year."

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## Squires' season comes to a close with 2-1 loss

Whitko's varsity boys baseball team bests MU on Saturday

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
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The Manchester Squires ended their season on Saturday when they lost with a final of 2-1 to Whitko's varsity boys baseball team.

Manchester played from behind from the second inning and on as they outhit the Whitko Wildcats 6-5 but sloppy defensive errors marred their comeback attempts.

The Squires finished the game with three errors.

Manchester head coach Jack Rupley credited Whitko's pitching prowess while admitting that his team left too many runs on the field.

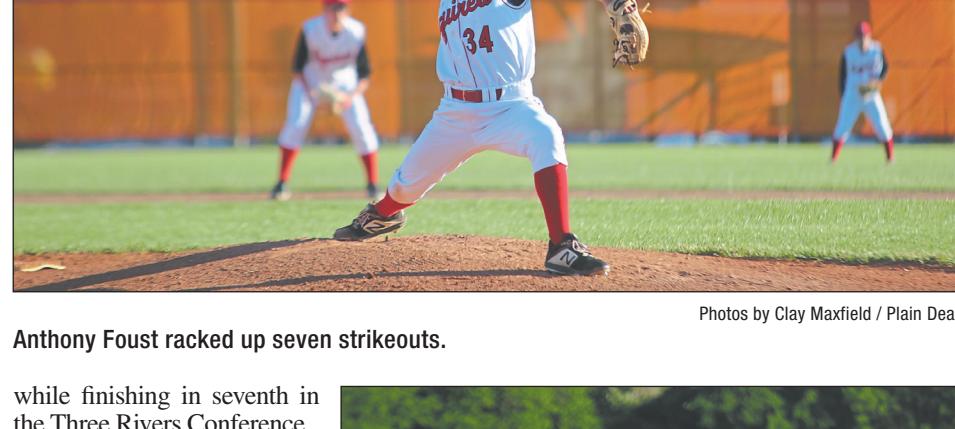
"It was a pitcher's duel," Rupley said. "We had opportunities to put some runs on the board and their pitchers kept us at bay. Their defense made plays in the field and that basically sums up the ball game."

Whitko drew first blood after scoring on a sac fly in the second inning while Manchester looked to even the game up in the same inning when they had two batters walked along with a fly ball from Anthony Foust to load the bases.

With a year off from play and a season littered with COVID-19 protocols, Rupley admitted some difficulties translated onto the field.

"Having a year off hurt. Not because of the physical ability of the kids but knowing the game, learning the game, the situational stuff that comes up. ... Understanding when can I take an extra base on a hit and when I can't. That kind of stuff hurt a little bit," he said.

The Squires ended the season with a final record of 9-18



Anthony Foust racked up seven strikeouts.

while finishing in seventh in the Three Rivers Conference.

A single to left field from Thaddeus Baker drove in the Squire's lone run of the game after Whitko had extended their lead by one run in the sixth.

Baker finished the game with one hit and one RBI while Anthony Foust racked up seven strikeouts.

Despite the early sectional exit, Rupley noted that his team began to show improvement in the second half of their season while batting proved to be a difficulty for them throughout.

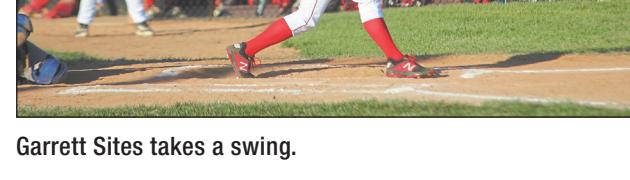
"The second half of the year, we started playing a lot better. Got settled into a batting order and settled into a defensive position and the kids got better. ... We struggled through the year with strikeouts and leaving too many guys on base and that was a little frustrating for me," he said.

The Squires graduate six seniors but will reload next season with a youthful lineup comprised of five current juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen.

"I have six seniors, they have a great attitude and great work ethic," Rupley said. "They



Ethan Espeset tries for the out.



Garrett Sites takes a swing.

really worked hard to try and help some of the younger kids come along. Try and help teach them the mental part of the game. I owe them a great

deal of appreciation for what they did."

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## June 1 arrival gives NFL teams more flexibility

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Now that the calendar has turned to June, NFL teams can trade or release players and spread the salary cap hit over two years instead of one.

That doesn't mean Aaron Rodgers is going anywhere but the Packers couldn't afford to deal him from a financial standpoint until now. Other star players such as Julio Jones and Zach Ertz are more likely to be moved.

The Philadelphia Eagles already released wide receiver Alshon Jeffery and defensive tackle Malik Jackson with a post-June 1st designation and the Minnesota Vikings did the same with tight end Kyle Rudolph.

With the salary cap expected to increase up to \$208.2 million in 2022, teams have more flexibility to make blockbuster moves now that this important date has arrived.

Here's a look at some players who could be traded or released:

### Aaron Rodgers

The reigning NFL MVP has expressed his frustration with the Packers, but the team has insisted he's staying in Green Bay. The Packers would have incurred a \$38.4 million dead cap charge in 2021 by trading Rodgers before Tuesday. The Eagles took a record \$33.8 million hit this year when they sent Carson Wentz to Indianapolis. By waiting to move Rodgers, the Packers would free up \$22.85 million in salary cap space in 2021 and another \$25.5 million for 2022 while clearing the contract off the books entirely for 2023.

Of course, the club hasn't reached the point it wants to part with the three-time league MVP.

"We want him back in the worst way," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said last month during the team's rookie minicamp. "I know he knows that and we'll continue to work at it each and every day."

### Julio Jones

The seven-time Pro Bowl wide receiver said last week that he's ready to leave Atlanta. The Falcons have

salary cap issues and Jones counts \$23 million against it for 2021. Trading him now can save Atlanta \$15 million.

The 32-year-old Jones had 51 receptions for 771 yards and three touchdowns in nine games last season. He's guaranteed \$15.3 million this season but it's possible a team looking to acquire him will restructure his deal.

### Zach Ertz

The three-time Pro Bowl tight end said goodbye to Philadelphia in a tear-filled news conference after the season, but Eagles general manager Howie Roseman hasn't found an acceptable trade offer.

The 30-year-old Ertz is coming off his worst season in which he caught just 36 passes for 335 yards and one TD in 11 games. He's scheduled to earn \$8.5 million this season.

Trading or releasing Ertz would clear \$8.5 million in cap space for the Eagles this year. He'd count \$4.2 million in dead money in 2021 and \$3.6 million in 2022.

### Deshawn Watson

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback wanted out of Houston, but his future is uncertain after 22 women filed lawsuits alleging Watson sexually assaulted or harassed them. Houston police and the NFL are investigating the allegations.

The Texans would've incurred \$21.6 million in dead cap money if they traded Watson before now. That number has been reduced to \$5.4 million. Still, his off-field issues must be resolved first.

"I have nothing to say about Deshawn," Texans coach David Culley said last week.

### Russell Wilson

The seven-time Pro Bowl quarterback became the topic of trade speculation when he raised questions about whether Seattle was doing enough to put a winning product around him, but Seahawks coach Pete Carroll and general manager John Schneider squashed those rumors in April.

Seattle would've taken a \$39 million cap hit by trading Wilson already. The amount has been reduced to \$13 million.

## MLB batting average lowest since 1968

NEW YORK (AP) — The major league batting average rose slightly in May, though it remained at its lowest level in 53 years.

Hitters batted .239 in May, up from .232 in April and the lowest average for May since .237 in 1972, the Elias Sports Bureau said Tuesday.

The .236 average for the season through May 31 is the lowest since .229 in 1968 — the last season before the pitcher's mound was lowered from 15 inches to 10.

May's .315 on-base percentage was up from .309 in April but the lowest for May since .314 in 2015. The .312 through May 31 is the lowest since .309 in 1972.

In an era of dominance on home runs, slugging percentage did not decline as much. The .397 percentage in May was the lowest since .395 in 2014 and the .393 percentage for the season through May 31 was the lowest since .392 in 2014.

Strikeouts exceeded hits by 838 in May after topping them by 1,091 in April, Elias said. Strikeouts had never exceeded hits over a full calendar month before May 2018.

Strikeouts have averaged 8.99 per team per game, on pace to set a record for the

13th consecutive full season — up from 8.81 two years ago and nearly double the 4.77 in 1979. Strikeouts already are 1,929 ahead of hits, just three years after exceeding hits for the first time over a full season.

Hits have averaged 7.78 per team per game, the second-lowest behind 7.75 in 1908 during the dead-ball era. Seattle is hitting .205, on track to break the record low of .211 set by the 1910 Chicago White Sox.

There have been six no-hitters, by San Diego's Joe Musgrove (April 9), Carlos Rodón of the Chicago White Sox (April 9), Baltimore's John Means (May 5), Cincinnati's Wade Miley (May 7), Detroit's Spencer Turnbull (May 18) and the New York Yankees' Corey Kluber (May 19). In addition, Arizona's Madison Bumgarner had a seven-inning hitless game in a doubleheader on April 25 that is not recognized as a no-hitter by Major League Baseball.

One more no-hitter would match 1990, 1991, 2012 and 2015 for the most since 1900, one shy of the record.

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